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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 211

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 17, 2008

BILL AMENDED: Jan 14, 2008

SUBJECT: Electronic Copies of Sentencing Information.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Bray

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill allows a court to: (1) send copies of certain reports relating to the conviction of an individual to the Department of Correction (DOC); and (2) certify copies of judgments of conviction and sentences to receiving authorities; through any electronic means approved by DOC.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) DOC could save some staff time if sentencing courts e-mail documents to DOC.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill would add a series of documents that the sentencing court would send to the Department of Correction. Under current law, these documents are presumably sent by postal service but as proposed, these documents could be sent by electronic mail.

The bill's effect on the administrative practices of the sentencing courts will be based on the following factors:

- The capacity of each sentencing court to email these documents to the Department of Correction.
- The number of offenders committed from each county.

Counties with e-mail capacity should be able to email these documents to the DOC with little or no added expense and could save postal expenses. Counties with limited computer capabilities are generally in rural

areas. Counties in rural areas commit relatively fewer offenders to DOC.

To illustrate, LSA examined the number of offenders who were committed to DOC from each county in FY 2007. The number of offenders committed to DOC ranged from a low of two offenders for the entire 12 months in Martin County, to a high of 4,872 in Marion County.

The following table summarizes these findings:

Average Number of Offenders Committed to DOC Per Week in FY 2007	
Frequency Per Week	Counties
One offender or less.	Benton, Blackford, Brown, Carroll, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Daviess, Decatur, Dubois, Fayette, Fountain, Franklin, Fulton, Gibson, Greene, Hancock, Jackson, Jasper, Jay, Jefferson, Knox, Lagrange, Lawrence, Martin, Miami, Montgomery, Newton, Ohio, Orange, Owen, Parke, Perry, Pike, Posey, Pulaski, Randolph, Ripley, Spencer, Steuben, Sullivan, Switzerland, Tipton, Union, Vermillion, Warren, Warrick, Washington, Wells, White, Whitley
More than one offender, less than three.	Adams, Boone, Clark, Dekalb, Floyd, Grant, Harrison, Henry, Howard, Jennings, Kosciusko, Laporte, Marshall, Morgan, Noble, Porter, Putnam, Rush, Scott, Shelby, Starke, Tippecanoe, Wabash
More than three offenders, less than five.	Bartholomew, Dearborn, Delaware, Hamilton, Hendricks, Huntington, Monroe, Noble
More than five offenders, fewer than ten.	Johnson, Lake, Madison, St. Joseph, Vanderburgh, Vigo, Wayne
More than ten offenders.	Allen, Elkhart, Marion

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Correction.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts with criminal jurisdiction.

Information Sources: Department of Correction.

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